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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Motion to Accept Late-Filed Comments on Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 01-338*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Covad herewith moves the Commission to accept its late-filed initial comments in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-referenced docket, released on August 21, 2003.¹ Due to administrative oversight, Covad's comments were filed one day after the comment filing deadline had passed. Because Covad's comments were filed mere hours after the deadline, Covad believes its late filing will not prejudice other parties to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338, Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 03-36, paras. 713-729 (rel. Aug. 21, 2003) ("*Further Notice*").